



## *Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter*

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### **General Meeting Minutes September 15, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05am by President Gail

Members present: Gail, Pete, Dave, Phil, Jon, Jan, Clem, Denise, Connie, Derek, Cheryl, Jan, Tom Whelan, and Lori

Members absent: Kelly, Cathy, Rob, Valle, Ann, Matt

Secretary Report: Minutes of July 21, 2011 were read, accepted and approved, they will be posted on our MN Chapter website.

Treasurer Report: There is \$975 in checking. An account was opened at MT West Bank by the Treasurer. (Beginning balance of student fees @ \$65/ea., minus badges ~\$200 minus PO Box rental and some misc office expenses.) A full accounting of beginning balance minus expenses is forthcoming.

#### Old Business:

- Be sure to check out the Chapter Facebook page and see MN website calendar for updates: <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/default.aspx>
- State wide ID Master Naturalist Annual Meeting will be held in Boise on Friday, September 30th 12:00-5:00pm; and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00am-5:00pm at the MK Nature Center. Derek and Pete will attend. Derek will ask about exempt status of the other Chapters.
- Clem has volunteered to write draft by-laws for our Chapter, please read and comment on them.

#### New Business:

- An Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant due by 30 Sept is available for up to \$5000 in funding. Sara has volunteered to write and submit the grant paper for us if we will give her input. Gail will work with Sara, items we brainstormed to include in the grant are: a coin operated fish food dispenser, funding to build a beaver dam, WDC center and grounds upkeep, internet service, library of field guides related to north Idaho and rolling bookshelf, field trip supplies for school classes visiting the WDC, porta-potty rentals, wall displays, perhaps an educational covered amphitheater.
- Brochures will be updated and available for booths and other information forums (Farmers Market, Native Plant sales, etc.) Jan is updating and working with Sara to get them printed.
- Pete stated that there is money available to purchase supplies for the upkeep of the WDC if needed from the selling of bluebird boxes. Please let him know of any requirements you notice.
- There was discussion about the Chapter adopting the WDC as an ongoing long term project. This would include caring for the buildings and grounds, facilitating other groups using the center, acting as guides for the general public who visit the center, and generally enhancing the educational value of the center. A motion to form a committee chaired by Cheryl to study the

different ways of facilitating the WDC was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. Cheryl will ask for volunteers to assist her.

- Discussion of goals and focus of the Chapter was cut short and it was decided the Board will meet separately to put together a list of goals and priorities to be presented to all members at next meeting.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday October 20, 2011 9:00am at the Waterlife Discovery Center.

#### Committee Issues/Reports:

##### Communication: Chair – Valle

- Facebook page needs more visitors and photos, there is a link to this page from our ID Master Naturalist Chapter page. Send pictures to Connie or post on wall.
- Please report to Connie and Lori all projects that have already been worked on this year by our members to be listed on our website. Please include sponsors.

##### Volunteer Services (Science/Education): Chair - Dave

- Dave met with Dept of Lands, there is an opportunity in May to facilitate the Idaho Forestry Contest at the Delay Tree Farm where as many as 500 students participate.
- Cocolalla Lake Quality Association may also have opportunities for projects.
- List of current opportunities will be updated and sent to members.

##### Training/Field trips: Chair - Jon

- Committee will study training available for classes, extended training, and enrichment.
- Feedback from the MN classes is needed in order to prepare class schedule for next year's class. Suggest field trips that would be helpful in association with the lectures.
- There is an opportunity to attend training for National Interpreters Certification, more information will be forthcoming

##### Actions:

- Send Jon and Jan your critique of the 2011 MN course syllabus. What was helpful, unhelpful, new subjects that you believe should be covered, field trips in association with class. How should it change/remain the same. Due by 23 September.
- Report current/past projects to Connie/Lori, send pictures for web pages.
- Contact Derek ASAP if you would like to travel to the Master Naturalists State Meeting in Boise.
- Clem will send out Draft By-laws, please review for discussion next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Getts, Secretary